



City of Santa Barbara  
Building & Safety Division  
**Requirements for After-Hours  
Construction Work**

Community Development  
630 Garden Street  
805-564-5485

The following guidelines are intended to provide information to applicants requesting authorization to work beyond the hours permitted in the City of Santa Barbara's Municipal Code. It is the applicant's responsibility to address concerns regarding noise from proposed after-hours construction work in accordance with this provision.

**CODE PROVISION:**

Santa Barbara Municipal Code, Section 9.16.015, makes it unlawful for any person, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. of any day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day, to erect, construct, demolish, excavate for, alter or repair any building or structure if the noise level created is in excess of the ambient noise level by 5 decibels at the nearest property line of a property used for residential purposes unless a special permit has been applied for and granted by the Chief Building Official.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED:**

The following information shall be provided and clearly detailed in your request. Failure to provide complete and factual information may result in denial, delay, or revocation of authorization. Please supply information regarding the following:

- ☐ Specific date and time that work will occur
- ☐ Exact location of work
- ☐ Specific type of work to be performed
- ☐ Amount and type of equipment to be used
- ☐ Noise mitigation measures to be employed
- ☐ Distance of the nearest residential dwelling to the proposed work

**ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED:**

It is important that applicants who are making a request allow sufficient time for notification of the Mayor, City Council, Police Department, and the City Administrators office. Applicants must receive authorization from the Chief Building Official at least one week prior to the commencement of after-hours work.

**Requests shall be submitted in writing to:**

City of Santa Barbara  
Community Development Department  
**Andrew Stuffer, Chief Building Official**  
630 Garden Street  
Santa Barbara, California 93102  
(805) 564-5485  
(805) 564-5476 fax